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for  
Continued Examination (RCE)  
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First Named Inventor	Shepard et al.
Art Unit	2463
Examiner Name	B.W. Taylor
Attorney Docket Number	20009.0149US01 (00255)

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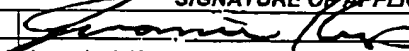
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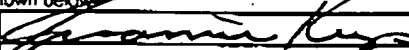
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Thank you,

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